

Kidsnetupdate



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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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KIDSNET welcomes new users: Polly Leonard, DO, Michael Gonzalez, MD, Women's Care Family Practice; Ann Cushing-Brescia, MD, Jennifer Souther, MD and Valley Community School.

Immunization and Vaccine Updates

Flu vaccine - Surveys for pediatric flu vaccine orders for the 2007/2008 season have been distributed to all state-supplied vaccine (SSV) providers. Deadline for response is Wednesday, August 15. If you need a survey, please contact Ann Gimprich-Mitchell at 222-7876 or ann.gimprich@health.ri.gov.

Immunize For Life (IFL) - Enrollment deadline has been extended. IFL is the new adult flu program that provides vaccine free of charge for people ages 19 and older who live or work in RI and have some type of health insurance. To enroll in the program, go to the HEALTH home page at www.health.ri.gov and click in the Immunize for Life box on the top-right side of the page. The access code on the enrollment page is 2007adultflu. For questions about the adult flu program, contact Virginia Paine at 222-7681 or Annemarie Beardsworth at 222-5658.

Varicella - Varicella vaccine is being shipped directly from Merck. Orders are taking at least 3 weeks to ship, so please plan accordingly when placing your monthly vaccine order.

Temperature Recorder Kits - The childhood program is working with some pilot provider sites to test and evaluate a new type of temperature recording device that allows a practice to download monthly temperature reports and e-mail monthly reports to the Immunization Program. If you are interested in being a pilot provider site, please e-mail Mark Francesconi at mark.francesconi@health.ri.gov. (request must be made via e-mail.)

Adolescent vaccinations - Since 2005, there are several new vaccine recommendations for adolescents including Tdap, HPV, MCV4 (Menactra) and a second dose of varicella vaccine. The Immunization Program is committed to ensuring that all adolescents get their needed vaccinations. We are in the process of identifying, educating, and recruiting alternative adolescent providers such as OB/GYN practices, STD clinics and other providers serving hard-to-reach adolescents to join the SSV program. Providers who choose not to participate are encouraged to refer patients back to their pediatric medical home for vaccinations.

Visit our NEW web site at www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet

Call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434 with any questions or suggestions

Quality Assurance

In-home day care surveys - Surveys will be sent to all licensed in-home day care providers by the end of August. In-home day care providers and/or parents may be calling with questions about immunizations.

VBYG - Students who attend a participating VBYG high school will have their immunization data entered into KIDSNET. For information about VBYG, contact Kathy Marceau at 222-4624 or kathy.marceau@health.ri.gov.

Provider Education

Webcast - The 2007 Immunization Update Satellite Broadcast hosted by CDC will be available via webcast for 30 days at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/PHTN/webcast/immup-2007/>. Continuing education will be available for this webcast until September 10, 2007. You must register for continuing education credit at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/TCEOnline/>.

Childhood Coalition - The next meeting for the Childhood Immunization Action Coalition is scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 12:30-2:30. The meeting will be held in Conference Room A at the Department of Administration, 1 Capitol Hill. For information about the Childhood Coalition, contact Kathy Marceau at 22-4624 or Kathy.marceau@health.ri.gov.

Immunization Report

In July 2007, the following 6 practices sent immunization history updates for KIDSNET after running the immunization report: **Hillside Family Medicine, St. Joseph Pediatric Clinic, Waterman Pediatrics, Bald Hill Pediatrics, Family Medicine Specialists, and Westerly Pediatrics.**

Lead Screening Report

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. In July 2007, the following 27 pediatric practices used this report: **Dr. Tayna Becker, Broadway Medical Treatment Center, Children First Pediatrics, Cumberland Pediatrics, Everett Wilcox Center, Family Treatment Center, Family Health Services of Cranston, Family Medicine Specialists, Dr. Michael Gonzalez, Hasbro Northstar, Kent County Pediatrics, Kingstown Pediatrics, Dr. Polly Leonard, MHRI Primary Care Pediatric Center, Mineral Spring Pediatrics, North Providence Pediatrics, East Bay Community Action Program, Renaissance Medical Group, Rhode Island Family Care, Dr. Jennifer Souther, South County Pediatric Group, Thundermist Health Center of South County, Thundermist Health Center of West Warwick, Thundermist Health Center of Woonsocket, Women's Care Family Practice, Westerly Pediatrics, and East Bay Family Health Care.**

If you need a training review to use this report, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!

Keep up the good work! Please keep using the reports as a tool to follow up on services your patients need.